

Heritage Preservation Commission
June 1, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
City Hall – Council Chambers

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, the HPC members participated through video conference from home. The meeting was held as a Special Meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.021 in response to the Covid-19 emergency.

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Jessica Fortney called to order the meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2020.

Attendance: (Via WebEx video conferencing – all votes conducted via roll call)

Attending: Ken Buehler, Stacey DeRoche, Jessica Fortney, Brandon Hartung, Mike Poupore (joined during the 1st presentation), and Sarah Wisdorf

Absent: Meredith Anderson

Staff Present: Steven Robertson

Unfinished Business

1. PL 20-054 Historic Construction Permit (Façade/Windows/Doors), Temple Opera Building at 201 East Superior Street, Related to Rehabilitation of the Structure for New Occupancy

Ken Buehler asks if staff can walk them through the proposed changes. Steven Robertson gave an overview. John Gerzina addressed the commission and continued the discussion from last week. They wanted to revisit the windows on the 2nd and 3rd floors, the keyhole features on the store front windows and the door on the western side. They did some research and want to meet needs within the budget of the project. They are proposing aluminum windows, but it will be a sash and frame type window interior design. In the spirit of conversation, they included a picture from the inside. There is a panel oak frame that goes around the window, which will remain. Chair Fortney verifies the transom window will also be replaced. Gerzina affirmed. The keyhole silhouettes will be included. They will recreate the character of the store front. Existing cast iron columns will be retained. Mike Poupore appreciates that they will retain the posts. He is concerned about losing the profiles of the old windows. He appreciates the applicant's efforts. Gerzina discussed the character of the door. They will retain the wood frame and ornate top, but will replace the door with aluminum material, but will replicate the design. Chair Fortney appreciates the applicant's time and effort. She approves of keeping the wooden door frame. Poupore asked the applicant why they aren't retaining the window wooden frames. Gerzina stated they can't cherry pick which ones they need to replace. They are in line with the preservation plan. They are emulating the lines of where the doors used to be. Stacey DeRoche walked by the site recently. She asked why they can't keep the non-functioning entries even if they are not in use. Gerzina stated the new tenant doesn't want confusion about where the entry is. Chair Fortney asked if they should open the item for public comments. Robertson stated they certainly can, but they have already met their obligation by holding a public comment period at their last meeting. Poupore asked about the front entry way. Will the architectural characteristics be maintained? Gerzina affirmed and noted the ornate copper ceiling. They will be replicating what is there now. Poupore stated he appreciates the applicant's patience. Sarah Wisdorf thanked the developer for coming back with more plan details. She

likes the new design and appreciates the shaping on top of the windows. Chair Fortney thanked the applicant and the commission moved to a motion.

MOTION/Second: Buehler/Wisdorf approve the certificate of appropriateness for the Historic Construction Permit (Façade/Windows/Doors), for the Temple Opera Building at 201 East Superior Street

VOTE: (6-0)

Communication and Other Businesses

2. Consideration of Minutes: May 26, 2020

MOTION/Second: Hartung/Buehler approve the minutes

VOTE: (6-0)

3. Update, Public Input on Interpretative Plan/Signage for PL 20-057 Historic Construction Permit LSMRR – Robertson noted the parks and recreation department will seek public input. He will follow-up with commissioners.

4. Correspondence: MN SHPO CLG Grant Awards – Robertson noted both grant applications were approved. He recommends more discussion for the HPC's July meeting agenda. Chair Fortney asked about more details about grant language. Robertson thought this was an excellent idea and will share a synopsis. Chair Fortney noted this would ensure everyone is on the same page. Their next meeting will be at the normal time in July.

Adjournment at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully,


Adam Fulton – Deputy Director

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